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Phil-Mont Nets

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
09:00 3.710 MHz CW		20:00 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM	20:00 147.030 MHz FM		
09:30 147.030 MHz FM		Customized CW	TRIPLE B-S NET	BULLETIN NET		
10:00 29.000 MHz SSB		Practice Net	Bigger, better, Buys			
10:00 29.493 MHz AM			from your			
10:20 3.993 MHz SSB			Stop, Shop & Swap Net			

AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE VOLUNTEER EXAMINING PROGRAM STATISTICS

Month/ Year	No. of VECs	No. of Sessions	No. of Elements	No. of Admin.	No. of Persons	% Pass Rate	% Form 610's Defective	% Late Filings	% Defective Report	No. Persons per Session	No. El's per Person	Sessions per VEC
Dec 83	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 84	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb 84	4	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mar 84	5	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apr 84	6	1	33	22	22	57.58%	-	-	-	22.00	1.50	0.17
May 84	10	7	774	574	574	43.54%	-	-	-	82.00	1.35	0.70
Jun 84	26	16	858	677	677	44.29%	-	-	-	42.31	1.27	0.62
Jul 84	44	11	567	392	392	44.62%	-	-	-	35.64	1.45	0.25
Aug 84	47	32	1035	691	691	49.57%	-	-	-	21.59	1.50	0.68
Sep 84	49	52	1920	1280	1280	47.60%	-	-	-	24.62	1.50	1.06
Oct 84	50	75	2465	1643	1643	46.69%	-	-	-	21.91	1.50	1.50
Nov 84	50	89	2240	1493	1493	47.86%	-	-	-	16.78	1.50	1.78
Dec 84	51	130	2741	1827	1827	49.73%	-	-	-	14.05	1.50	2.55
Jan 85	52	219	5290	3664	3664	51.30%	-	-	-	16.73	1.44	4.21
Feb 85	53	168	3428	2053	2053	54.64%	-	-	-	12.22	1.67	3.17
Mar 85	64	252	6178	4177	4177	56.30%	-	-	-	16.58	1.48	3.94
Apr 85	64	261	6202	3620	3620	59.32%	3.48%	27.55%	16.60%	13.87	1.71	4.08
May 85	64	328	7436	4925	4925	57.88%	3.78%	2.13%	5.79%	15.02	1.51	5.13
Jun 85	64	322	6221	4217	4217	58.16%	0.85%	0.24%	4.35%	13.10	1.48	5.03
Jul 85	62	279	4639	3173	3173	57.88%	3.78%	2.13%	5.79%	11.37	1.46	4.50
TOTAL		2242	52027	34428	34428							

W5YI REPORT.

Enclose a SASE with 39¢ postage. If you want your certificate delivered unfolded, enclose a 9-1/2" × 12" self-addressed envelope.

CLARIFICATION FROM THE JULY FCC STAFF

Amateur applications processed by the FCC's Gettysburg, PA, licensing facility in July 1985 increased over July 1984, but still below 1982, 1983 levels. The figures:

FCC FORM 610S PROCESSED FOR MONTH				
Month/Year:	1982	1983	1984	1985 %
July	11,779	11,880	7,341	10,077 +41%

Ten unlicensed applicants took volunteer administered examinations during July and walked out of the test session with Extra Class tickets. The most ever for a single month! Usually it is 2 or 3.

Total July new amateurs: 1471. Total Decrease (amateurs failing to renew): 2,414. Net decrease: 937. Total amateur population at the end of July: 410,287 (plus 2268 club stations, 165 military recreation stations and 359 RACES stations.) By amateur class:

1985	Extra	Advan.	Gen.	Tech.	Novice	Total
July	37543	97565	118611	83310	73975	410287
%:	9.1%	23.8%	28.5%	20.1%	18.5%	100.0%

If we read the FCC statistics correctly, the oldest amateur to have a license processed so far this year is 103, youngest... just 4 years old. The median age for all applications acted on during 1985 is 28 years old.

LIFETIME GENERAL RADIOTELEPHONE OPERATOR LICENSES AVAILABLE...

Do you hold a First Class, Second Class or General Radiotelephone (Commercial) Operator license that was issued or renewed between January 1, 1979, and June 14, 1984? If you do, you need to take action!

The FCC is issuing a special lifetime commercial General Radiotelephone Operator license certificates during 1985. The diploma-type certificate will be discontinued December 31, 1985. These free licenses are available upon request. You need not wait until license expiration to apply. Those who do not renew their licenses after this program expires will receive a card-form renewal instead of the attractive computer printed, diploma-size lifetime license document.

Unlike the lifetime certificate, these wallet-size cards will bear a restrictive endorsement. That restrictive endorsement will prohibit the card form renewal license from being used for broadcast purposes. Lifetime licenses, however, may be used for broadcasting.

To receive your lifetime license certificate, you must send your request to the same FCC field office that issued your last license. Include your full name as it appears on your license, your date of birth, and your license number. Write the words "Lifetime License" above the Field Office's address. If your present license has an endorsement, you must submit a copy of that license with your request.

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PREZ SEZ

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club has been an ARRL Special Services Club for one year. The activities in the various SSC qualification categories are reviewed with the ARRL annually to exchange information concerning operations in the categories. Therefore, it is appropriate that I summarize our activities during the past year in this column for the benefit of both our readers and the ARRL.

A. Public Relations
1. Club Station W3TKQ, located in the Franklin Institute continues to be a popular exhibit for both public and amateur radio world wide visitors to the Institute.
2. September 1984 - Communications were provided for the Philadelphia Distance Run, a half marathon.
3. October 1984 - W3TKQ, our Club station at the Franklin Institute, was operated as a Special Events Station to celebrate the Centennial of the IEEE, for the convention being held at the Institute.
4. November 1984 - Communications were provided for the Philadelphia Independence Marathon, a full marathon.
5. April 1985 - Communications were provided for the Jeanes Hospital Five Mile Run.
6. June 1985 - Communications were provided for the U.S. Cycling Championship Race, involving cyclists from around the world.
7. July 1985 - Communications were provided for the two day Scouting Paddlerama canoe race down the Delaware River, using our communications van, MOCOM.
8. July 1985 - Communications were povided for the Abington Township, PA., July 4th celebration, using our communications van, MOCOM.

B. Emergency Communications
1. Capabilities of our emergency communications van, MOCOM, were improved.
2. A 911 dial up system was installed in our repeater, W3QV.
3. Our numerous controlled nets, listed under "Operating Activities" and our operations for Public Service Events provide continued training. Many members are also active in the ARES and RACES.

C. Training
1. CW Practice Net - Code practice is conducted on our repeater, W3QV, each Tuesday evening.
2. CW Practice Net - Code practice is conducted on 3.710 MHZ, in the 80 Meter Novice Band, each Sunday morning.

D. Technical Advancement
1. Continued improvement of emergency and Public Service communications capabilities for our communications van, MOCOM, including a mobile repeater and an on board computer system.
2. Continued improvement of our repeater, W3QV, including the addition of 911 dial up capability.

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E. Operating Activities
1. Repeater W3QV 147.63/03.
2. Code Practice Net - Tuesday evening on W3QV..
3. Swap & Shop Net - Wednesday evening on W3QV. Computer programmed.
4. Bulletin & Information Net - Thursday evening on W3QV. ARRL Newsletter/Bulletins, W5YI Reports and Westlink.
5. Club Net - Sunday morning on W3QV FM.
6. Code Practice Net - Sunday morning on 3.710 MHZ CW.
7. Club Net - Sunday morning on 3.993 MHZ SSB.

F. Miscellaneous Activities
1. Monthly General Membership Meeting.
2. Monthly Board of Directors Meeting.
3. Monthly Club newsletter.
4. VE Program with monthly examinations scheduled.
5. Club Computer Program including:-
   a. Membership Directory
   b. License Renewal Notification.
   c. ARRL Membership List.
6. Use of our communications van, MOCOM, for:-
   a. Field Day.
   b. 75M Roosters Net Membership Annual Picnic.
   c. Mid-Atlantic Radio Club Hamfest.
   d. Mount Airy VHF Society Hamfest.
   e. Other activities, detailed under "Public Relations".

To the ARRL:- This is our SSC Annual Report.
To the Club and Exchange Club Readers:- This Report, in my opinion, demonstrates why the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club is qualified for SSC status.

73,
Gil, W3SRU

OLD BUSINESS

THE BLURB
15 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 1970

Program last month: Phil-Mont Philms shown by W3PXY. "Many field days - the old red trailer - red truck and banquets when we had 120 plus people - the midway picnic at Havre de Gras (sic) with the Bingo party going strong at the park on the water, and Eunice (VVS), and two li'l fellows, one on each arm, that could hardly look over the table ..." (Hey George, -- remember the Archives Committee? -ed)

Program for this month: Amateur TV Demonstration by K3ZKO, Ron Cohen.

New members: WA3KLR and WA3GAP.

Paddlerama-1970: (a committee report) noted that the "Canoe Mobile" overturned, dumping the radio gear and the outboard motor ... Fred Bohlander helped "W3CHEF" with the galley chores ... 42 canoes participated. Philmonters were DJE, D$G, GAP, GNM, HIE & son, KDO & son, KLR, KN, KNH, LLK, PHC, QQH & sons, SGR, UWO, VVS & son and YHV, "W3CHEF".

Excerpts by W3IIM

safe, and the relief is coming for the radio fellas and Roger, Roger, Roger, all over the place. And when you finally take off and start winding it up through the road blocks, you start hearing all the familiar calls mentioned along the frequency and you realize that other Phil-Mont members are on more important errands and more dangerous errands that you were and you swell with pride for them where a short while ago you were blown up with your own importance. And you take cognizance of all of them straight through from A to Z, and as you move home through daylight, you hear chatter from and about your friends, and real ones, the Phil-Mont ones, and you darn near bawl. And you really sober up from something like this fast, because you're a big boy now, and you have two kids at camp yourself, and Lyle remembered your apprehension and finding the cut-through from Route 611 to 263 is very easy and up the short side road outside of Jamison, and then you see both kids, safe and dry, and you know that helping the other guy is the easiest thing in the world.

July 31, 1985

Woody Haldeman, W3PBT
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Dear Philmonters:

I thought that many years ago I was able to get some of you people to see the error of your ways. Either my thinking was incorrect, or you have reverted to type.

There is really no excuse for a prominent organization, such as Philmont Mobile Radio Club, to use a term like 6:30 when designating the time for taking a license examination. How are the poor examinees to know if they are to be there in the morning or evening, or if it is Standard or Daylight Savings Time?

This confusion could easily be resolved by using a world wide standard. If the time is expressed in terms of Coordinated Universal Time (Greenwich Mean Time, or as stated by us cognoscenti "Z"), there would be no confusion.

I hope that this will help you backsliders to see the error of your ways.

73,
Bob Mynster, K3UWO

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P.S: I was disappointed at not being able to see any of you at Dayton the last two years. I just missed K3GNM at the Spectrum Communications booth a year ago.

that you radio fellas have to be around so long, and you shrug like it's nothing at all and you could do it all day long as it would help, and she seems not to hear you because she stuns you with a classic -- "Yeah, and all that talking comes into my radio and blocks all the other stuff", and just what the H--L do you answer? Lyle just laughs and says that crazy restaurant with the neon was open half the night and now when we could use some coffee it's shut tighter'n a drum. Then more idle talk and a quick check with SSU and he says they are sending a relief over for him and a relief over for W3FUY and how's he doing? You Roger back and decide to take a quick run down the hill and see it first hand, and when you get there you are almost knocked off your feet at the sight. All the stuff you saw in the movies and on television so long ago hits you right in the face, except it doesn't disappear in a couple of frames, but etches itself in your mind, and you wish you could change the channel with a flick of the finger and make it all go back to normal. And then you spot the sheriff - Holy Smokes, how did he get down here so fast? You look each other over and having renewed the acquaintance you ask about the wounded Duck, and he reports that they are going in after it now, and if they get it free they will resume rescue operations as there are a number of families still among the missing. And then you gulp real hard. A dog waddling around and you pet him, and he shines up to you. Somebody tells you his owner's name, and it doesn't register, but later remember that nobody said anything further about the owner, so you still wonder. The other Duck goes into the water and the people begin chattering and making small jokes, the kind that indicate their relief of some of the tension. And then quiet because they all recognize one of the bad signs of flood aftermath - a floating rocking chair, and they all know the owner of it. You can't seem to realize the closeness of a small town group because your city is so much larger, but you remember all at once about the comfort that a small unit can bring you. You look at the swirling water again because their motion is so rapid the Duck seems to be in danger. But then someone assures you that the water is falling because you can see the tops of the gas-pump about ten short feet away and you're glad that they're not hysterical, and you wonder how you would take it if it happened to you. As you look around, you meet smiles of the people, and they have never been formally introduced but somewhere along the line they met you and are glad you were sent to help them, because they have already heard that there are other areas that help can't get to as yet. And you figure you better get back to your post at the top of the the hill in case there's something new to know. And on your way back to where you left the car you meet W3FUY and he looks just like he hasn't slept since Wednesday last, and you are proud to meet a guy like that and Joe Levy, not a ham, who is in the car with him. And you chitchat about the flood, and you remember that sometime during the wary night there was a weary W3EM and he went down the hill and he came back up the hill and you dimly remember saying something about a swell job, and the big guy took the ridiculous little car with the long antenna home, and you hoped it wouldn't get stuck on a tree limb like Von, W3DIX, once joked about when he came back from Germany. And after you resume your post on the top of the hill, some of the welcome news starts popping through, like they freed the wounded Duck and all hands on it are safe, and here is a list of the families rescued and

APPLE BYTES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

03-ESTHER ELFMAN (XYL W3CW)
-MARIAN FOX - WA3YJR (XYL W3AA)
06-LEONARD N. KOVNAT - WB3JUA
08-ALLEN F. BUBECK - K3GNM
13-HOWARD I. ZISERMAN -WA3GOV
20-JOHN SPRATT - N3ALW
21-HAROLD FOX -W3AA
23-JOSEPH GRADY - W3FVW
-SHELLY KLEIN - K3QNX (XYL W3WXC)
26-DORIS LUSKY - K3MAM (XYL W3APD)
-PAUL L. IVES - W3SMA
27-LOUIS DiBENEDETTO - K3BJS
28-MILLIE RULLI (XYL WB2WOM)
30-CHARLES W. HUTCHINS - KA3BUL

LICENSE RENEWAL TIME

DONALD HARTLING - KB9RF

"APPLEOGIES"

SORRY ABOUT LAST MONTHS BIRTHDAYS..BEST WISHES AGAIN TO:
DARTHEA BURTON (8/15)
JOHN MUROFF - W3SAI (8/22)

HELP PHIL-MONT

ARE YOU GOING TO JOIN ARRL OR RENEW YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP? HELP PHIL-MONT BY JOINING OR RENEWING THROUGH THE CLUB...CONTACT KB3IV FOR THE DETAILS.

NEW PHIL-MONT DIRECTORY

SO FAR I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY CORRECTIONS TO THIS YEARS DIRECTORY...I KNOW I'M NOT THAT PERFECT! PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF ANY CHANGES IN YOUR LISTING.

...DE WB3KOJ

MINUTES
July 1985
DIRECTORS' MEETING

W3SRU finally opened the meeting, (after dragging everybody out of the pool) held at the home of WB3'S KOH & KOJ, at 8:51 PM on July 17th. In attendance were W3's BBB, VVS, PST, IIM, IIN, AA, ZPP, GQO and Jackie, N3'S DHI & ADI, & K3'S GWM & GBA, KB3IV, KA3AMO and Ellen, & KA3BET

KB3IV gave the Treasurer's Report. W3IIN did not read the minutes of the July General Meeting due to interference from low flying aircraft. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read and the Minutes were never heard.

N3ADI asked to be relieved of his duties as Chairperson of the DX committee and suggested that the new DX Chairperson be WA3AUN. Gil will be in touch with him and see if he is interested.

N3DHI reported that there was some damage to Mo Com, from its last use. Some paint had been pulled off the side due to the use of masking tape on the paint. Rick also said that one of the 30W PA speakers was blown, apparently from over driving the amplifier. W3BBB said that he was in touch with the people who had used the van and was negotiating with them for repairs. None the less, Rick said that Mo Com was ready for Paddlerama

W3IIN read portions of a letter she received from Sam Kuncevitch in response to her letter with suggestions for Blurb covers and Sam's corner. Sam feels that he has lost touch with Phil-Mont and he really welcomes any correspondence from any of the members with suggestions. He also said that he has thought of giving up doing the covers, but felt that if he did it would be the end of the Blurb, so he will continue for now. Jinny made a plea to all present and all members to communicate with Sam with ideas or just to say thanks for all the work he does for Phil-Mont.

WB3KOJ read a motion from the minutes of the June 1984 Directors Meeting, stating that the Board of Directors had authorized W3BBB to sell the old duplexers, with the proceeds of the sale to go back into the capital account. Don wanted to know why this had not been done to date, since he felt the club could use the money for other things. He also questioned the use of the duplexers in Mo Com, and wished to know who had made that authorization. After much discussion, Don made a new motion that the duplexers in Mo Com be sold at the soonest possible date, with the proceeds of the sale to go back into the capital account. The motion was seconded by W3BBB, and passed by a 6 to 4 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM. Everybody back into the pool!

A big thanks to Don and Natalie for the use of their pool and all the good things to eat.

W3IIN Hon. Secretary.

order to conserve gas and battery power. Been there since the start of it and without any relief. Roger. What's it like.? Rough. You can almost hear the river from here. Want us to go down with you? No. You better stay here in case SSU calls in from Doylestown, and you can hear him only up here and not down at the water's edge. And then you realize how awful it must be for the inhabitants. Then EM leaves and you watch that wheezing Crosley with the big driver dip down the hill. The sign in with SSU and the long wait. What's keeping EM? How long is this hill anyway? Hope nothing happened to EM. Oh, well, let's wait it out. And then a guy sticks his head into the car and asks if there is anything new, and you ask him who he is, and he says he's the sheriff around here, and is sure glad to have you radio fellas here and then you tell him about being sent here as relief for one of the other radio fellas and ask him what's new, sort of turning the tables and he tells you about the damage, and you hold your breath, it's that rough. And then he tells you about the two Army Ducks that have been trying to do rescue work in the swirling water, and how one got swept into a barn roof and was jammed in such a manner that the other Duck couldn't give it any assistance. And it was then decided not to chance losing the other Duck, so it headed for what was left of the main road and comparative safety. And you wonder if the guys on the wounded Duck are OK and the sheriff says that they are, and to please call into Doylestown and tell them the situation, and you do; and you're not afraid anymore because you can still get a call back to home-base. Oh, yes - the reason the sheriff knows what's with the Ducks is that he was on the one that made it back before it too got hung up. And so through the night you hear them call into and get answered by the terrific boys at SSU. And then somewhere along the slow moving clock your eyes start to get weary and you promise yourself that all you'll do is get a little relaxed rest. So you bend your head toward the receiver speaker and fix your hand on the mike button so you can trigger it fast and just shut your eyes slowly, one at a time. And then it hits like a pinball machine barrage - and before you are fully awake you are already telling SSU that everything is OK, and nothing is new here and W3FUY is OK because in between Rogers he has gotten a Roger of his own in, and you ask permission to forward a query of your own, please. And SSU senses the urgency in your voice and says OK - so you mention Camp Tel-Hai on Route 263 at Jamison in Bucks County, you feel a little relief when he says the old familiar QRX-one and he'll find out. And you sure feel happy when he reports that one the State Troopers has been all along that stretch and give it a clean bill of health. There's even an unspoken nudge to give them a quick visit when your relief takes over. Roger. Lyle agrees with you that it's been a long time since you have seen daylight come through the dark. The guy who describes it as coming up like thunder out of China cross the bay, either didn't have all his buttons or else he never stayed awake all night long just waiting and listening. Morning at last and with it a little comedy relief; there is one like this one in every corner of the world. Her hair is tossed back carelessly, and her ill- fitting house coat is kinda in need of laundering and she is standing barefooted; she beckons and you acknowledge her with a good morning and a query about what you can do to help, and she says it's a shame, and you say it sure is about the flood, and then she says not that so much but it's a shame

hesitation in the talk, and zip, you sign in. Glad you could make it; don't stop off at the Courthouse but keep on 611 to Harrow (?); don't worry, you'll recognize it by the roadblock. Roger. Roger from here and call us when you get there. Roger. As you ride, it gets later and the road seems to get darker and darker and the chatter on the channel is your only contact with the outside. Suddenly it gets brighter; the sudden illumination of a diners' neon, and you stop and ask two guys, who just came out to check on their motorcycles, "Hey, matey, how far to Harrow?" "13 miles." You groan and Lyle suggests picking up a container of coffee for the road. You sign in with W3SSU, go in for the coffee and some dry cookies, and in about five minutes you're rolling. W3SSU is still with you, and advises that when you get to Harrow, you will start calling W3EM and he will bring you in, and then you will relieve him, as he has been on duty for one long time. And then it hits you - W3EM - the number one man in a relay that got Carolyn through to Powelton a short week ago, she could institute some emergency treatment for a patient there. You warm a little and mention to Lyle that Phil-Mont is the best thing that ever happened to ham radio. Roger. How about the coffee before it gets too cold to enjoy? Roger. Enjoy? It tastes like a solution of dirt; it should - the waitress said it was fresh ground an hour ago. Funny. Yeah, funny. There is Harrow? Right here, at the roadblock, just like SSU said. And the farmer with the lantern and the telltale look of a guy who has been through it starts to spin a weary tale about you're not allowed to go in, etc. until the cackling of the receiver makes him look alive and you call in to EM and he says swell, just go through the block and look for signs that will point to Upper Black Eddy, and continue on the same road until you get to Haney's Restaurant. Roger. The farmer says something about thank the Lord for you guys, and you say something about being glad to do it, and he waves, and you wave and you dip into Stygian blackness. Amusing thought - if Upper Black Eddy is this black, how black can Lower Black Eddy be? Is there a Lower Black Eddy? If there is, where is it? You stop thinking of it quickly because you might get a not-so funny answer. Around a ticklish turn, and Lyle yells something about a sign and you whip out the window and the flashlight spells out Upper Black Eddy and you start getting a little jitter, because this is it and what's it going to look like at the other end? The road suddenly brightens up ahead of you and you realize a guy has pulled in behind you from out of nowhere. The H--L with him, let him get ahead of you if he's in such a hurry. No, let's stop him and find out if this is it. Roger. The guy is friendly when he spots the whip and says to follow him into Haney's Restaurant. He takes off like a KW signal and Lyle follows; the road is a good test for a cross-country race, and you bounce your guts around the turns and there's the restaurant, lit up like a Christmas tree, and there again is the roadblock, complete with farmer, lantern and hangdog look. Again the thank you, and the wave and the forward motion and the agreement that all that neon would sure drive a receiver crazy, and another try into the darkness. Suddenly, from the receiver a frantic shout to stop, hold it, you just passed us by, stop and back up, and I'll walk out to you, and there is EM, a big friendly guy that you have met casually at Phil-Mont. The handshake, the thanks and the remark that he is going down the hill to check up on W3FUY/M who is at the flood's edge, and who is keeping silent in

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("Bigger, Better Buys from your Stop, Swap and Shop Net")

Periodically we plan to list items currently offered on the "SwapNet" (heard Wednesdays on .03 at 20:00). We accept no responsibility for errors or omissions. The list is offered strictly as another service of your club.

Please contact Jake for further information.

Item#	Description
02	REALISTIC DX 160 RECEIVER LIKE NEW $50.00
03	T4XC XMITTER R4C RCVR ALL FILTERS $550.00 AC4 POWR SUPPLY WITH MATCHING SPEAKER
04	DRAKE FS4 SYNTH ADAPT $100.00 GENERAL COVERAGE RCVR $100.00
05	ICOM BC-30 DROP IN CHARGR USABLE WITH ALL ICOM HT'S LIKE NEW IN ORIGINAL CARTON WITH MANUAL & SCHEMATIC $55.00
06	HY GAIN ANTENNA 18 AVT TRAP VERTICAL FOR $60.00 MINI QUAD ANTENNA $140.00 HQ-1 9 MO OLD PERFECT CONDITION WITH W2AU BALUN
07	FT 107 TRANSCEIVER W/SCAN MIKE & AM FILTER. 12 CHANNEL MEMORY DIGITAL READOUT-EXT VFO $575.00
08	T4X XMITTER R4A RCVR MS4 SPEAKER & AC3 POWER SUPPLY $300.00
09	HALLICRAFTERS FTM 300 XCEIVER BASE & MOBILE WITH BUILT IN POWER SUPPLY 80-10 METERS SSB & CW $300.00. 8 ELEM 2 MTR BEAM $50.00
10	SANTEC HT12 TRANSCEIVER $125.00 DESK CHARGER-CASE-WALL CHARGER-MOB CHRGR
11	DRAKE TR33 HT CRYSTAL CONTROLLED, STRAP AND CASE ALL FOR $49.00
12	TS820S TRANSCEIVER MINT $500.00. DRAKE UV3 TRANSCEIVER $400.00 144-220-440 EXCELLENT CONDITION
13	COLLINS 51-S1 RECEIVER WITH 24 VOLT DC POWER SUPPLY AND MANUALS & PLUGS WITH 2 FULL SETS TUBES ALL FOR $375.00
15	TS830S TRANSCEIVER MINT FOR $550.00
16	FT221R TRANSCEIVER ALL MODE $300.00 EXTERNAL SPEAKER INCLUDED ALSO VOLTMETER SPERRY RAND FOR $50.00
18	KENWOOD 520SE TRANSCEIVER 160-10 MT 500 HZ CW FILTER FINALS 6 MO FINALS FOR $450.00 NEGOTIABLE
19	TEMPO S1 HT TRANSCEIVER WITH CASE SPEAKER MIKE $125.00 WILSON SYSTEM 4 ANTENNA $150.00
21	CUSHCRAFT 2 MTR ANTENNA IN BOX NEW $50.00
23	MOR GAIN 10-80 DIPOLE 66 FT 5 BAND ANTENNA BRAND NEW IN BOX FOR $100.00
26	SIMPLEX PATCH MODEL CES 510-S FM FOR $150.00
27	HR2 2 MTR XCEIVER FM. CRYSTALS FOR 6 REPEATERS $80.00. RCVR-80-10 MTRS WITH MATCHING SPKR ALSO XMITTER BOTH FOR $250.00
28	SONY RECEIVER GEN COVERAGE ICOM 2001 150HZ TO 30 MHZ $100.00 ALSO ASR 33 TELETYPE $25.00
30	TRANSCEIVER MDL NCG 6-15 MTRS QRP RIG $300.00 BUILT IN POWER SUPPLY. TRANSCVR TM401A 440-50 FM WITH LARSON MAG MOUNT $300.00
31	MOR GAIN 5 BAND DIPOLE ANTENNA FOR $60.00
32	TEMPO S1 HT XCEIVER GOOD CONDX RUBBER DUCK, SPEAKER MIKE $150.00 YAESU CPU 2500 R 2 MTRS MOBILE SYNTH RIG FOR $225.00
33	ROTATOR FOR 2 METERS OR MINI QUAD $25.00 ALSO BATTERY B/U FOR ICOM 25A OR 25H $10.00
34	TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER 101F AND 101R YEASU $500.00 FOR PAIR
35	6 METER BEAM ANTENNA A50A $50.00. WILSON TRAP VERTICAL ANTENNA CALL FOR PRICE
36	FT202R HT XCEIVER, MIKE, DESK CHARGER AND RUBBER DUCK $100.00

MINUTES
August 1985
GENERAL MEETING

The 429th General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club was called to order at 8:19 P.M. on August 5, by W3SRU. Gil announced that today was W3PWG's, 75th birthday and all present wished a very happy day to Rollie.

W3IIN read the minutes of the July 17th Directors' Meeting. KB3IV gave the Treasurer's Report. Both reports were approved as read.

K3PHC reported that there were 33 members and 4 visitors present. Jim introduced Bill Dorsanes, N3ELO and XLY Joan; Neal Layman, KI3S; and Jean-Marie Frederick.

W3PST thanked all who contributed to the August Blurb, and said he would like to have some comments on the Guest Editorial.

N3DHI gave a short report on Paddlerama and KA3AMO showed some slides that KA3HMO had taken of the operations and the Motley Crew.

KC2HX said all was ready for the Bath, and gave some details on arrival time, etc.

W3IIM gave an update on the Toobin expedition for August 24th.

Gil said that some of the people who had worked on the U.S. Cycling Race had been omitted from his article in the August Blurb and there was some garbling of who did what. The following operators were left out of the article: KB3CT, KA3AMO, KA3MHO, KA3NQN, and KC3FC. Also, N3EAY did not supply backup equipment, but was an operator and KB3JW was net control, not KB3IV.

W3PST apologized for the omissions and garbling and said that after the third typing, things just got out of hand, or fingers.

W3PWG said that a group from N.E. High School, shepherded by WA3GOV, had been at W3TKQ for the space shot and had made radio contact with the astronauts. They have audio and video tapes of the event.

N3DHI gave a short explanation of the movie for the evening, but unfortunately when Rick tried to show it, there was no sound. After some technical adjustments and with a little jury rigging, Rick and Steve finally got some sound.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34, and all enjoyed the treats provided by KA3AMO.

W3IIN - Hon. Secretary

OLD BUSINESS

THE BLURB
30 YEARS AGO
SEPT. 1955

At the August meeting, Bill, W3VXN, gave a talk on photography and electronics. 48 members and guests attended.

New members: W3ZIA, Bob Smith; WN3AWH, John Tinaglia; W3CCB, Bob Fairlamb.

W3PWG has his new Gonset Commander II in operation. It covers 160 through 6 meters ... A picture showing Gov. Leader signing the license plate bill appeared in the July QST. Bill, W3ADF (K3BB -ed.) was shown in the picture.

Coming up: October 3, PMRC auction with auctioneer W3WNC.

Excerpts by W3IIM

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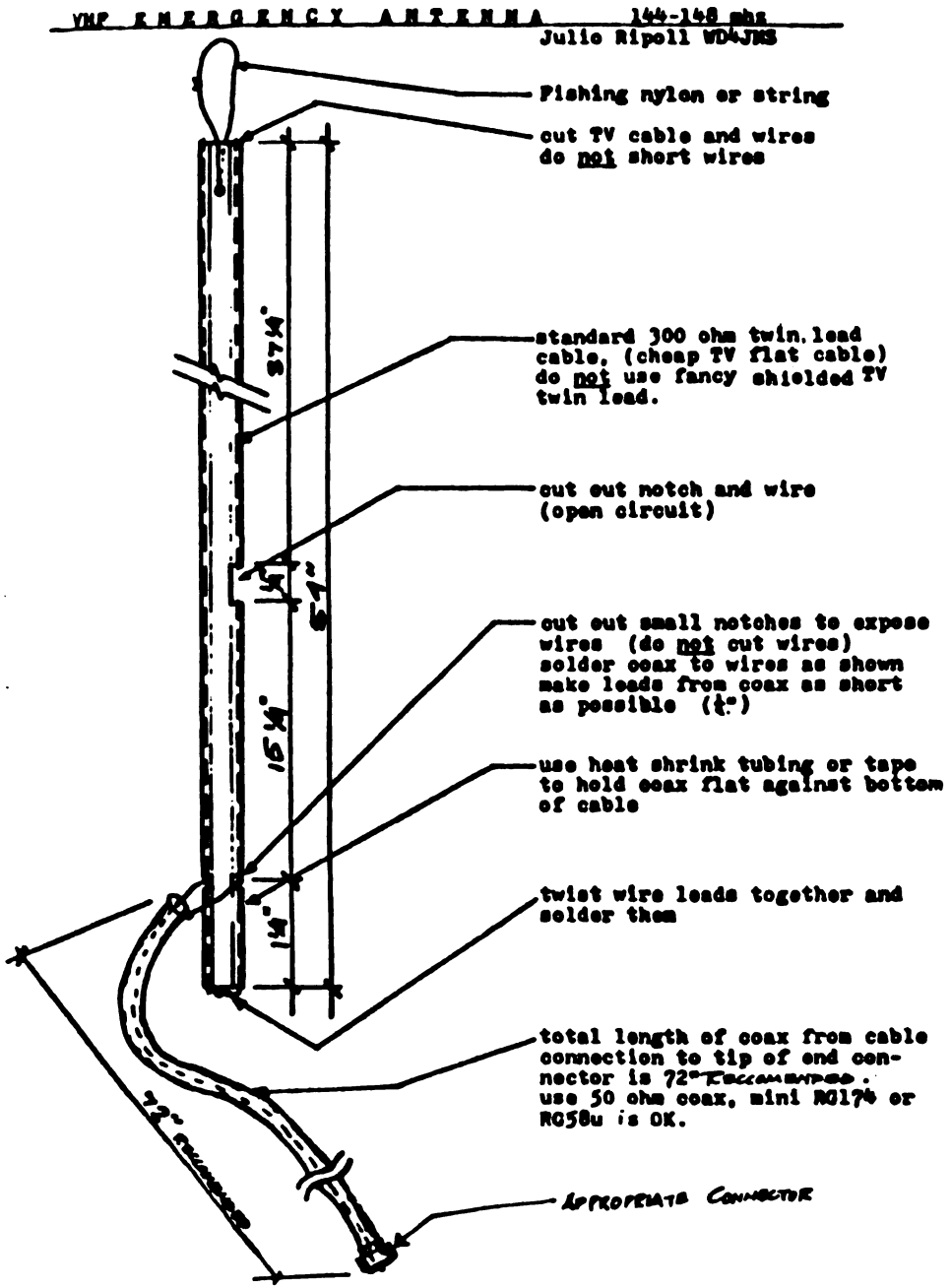
I WAS THERE

by John M. Muroff, W3SAI
(From the Sept. 1955 BLURB)

A flood, regardless of its source or cause, is a lot of water with which to do battle; the most fortunate are those of us who see it only occasionally as something that has hit the other guy. In the movies, or on television, the rapid-running waters carrying houses or barns to destruction, not to mention the loss of life, make an impression on us which is sudden and vivid, but which mercifully dissipates itself as the next item pops into view. But, when you are on the scene, looking at it with awe, you get to realize how much of a terrible thing it is. How does one get close up to it if one lives in comfortable Philadelphia? The answer is simply this - PHIL-MONT; and PHIL-MONT stands for PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB. Let me turn this into a personal thing.

August 19, 1955 has just started to dissolve into August 20, and the sack feels so comfortable, when suddenly the 'phone rings and out you go onto the floor after it, wondering which of the patients at Powelton needs Carolyn's attention. A man's voice - it turns out to be W3VSU, Lyle. You cut off his attempt at an apology (nobody that belongs to Phil-Mont ever has to go into abject debasement) and listen for the details. Lyle talks slowly but forcefully - without any punctuation. "You know that 2-meter Communicator of mine that you're using? I happened to break in on W3QV and he says they need it at Doylestown and I said I'd hate to wake John at this hour, and he said its an emergency and I said I'd call you and how can I get it?" You are fully awake by now - "Doylestown", "emergency", have made an impression that's indelible. You ask Lyle if it's OK to go out with him and he assures you that you'll be most welcome. In about half an hour, Lyle picks you up and you're on your way. You don't navigate by the stars, you just listen for QV. Lyle has made simple plans for this jaunt; the couple of sandwiches and pieces of fruit he would ordinarily eat at his job will see him through; in addition to this we take along some ordinary rubbing alcohol, some antiseptic, tissues, aspirin and flash lights. "We're in good shape and ready for anything," Lyle says with a grin, "I'll drive and you talk, so the operating procedure is very simple." Bip, bip, bip and Brad picks you up immediately. The usual amenities, and down to business. Simple as anything - just get to Doylestown and listen for W3SSU, operating at the Courthouse there. The best way is up Route 611, so what's holding us up? It's a breeze - just avoid the West River Drive and parts of City Line Avenue, get onto Walnut Lane and across Germantown Avenue and thread your way over to Old York Road via Haines Street and head North. As you cross into Melrose Park and Elkins Park you gun it gently and make up a little of the lost time. Bip, bip, bip and Brad tells you it's OK all the way into Willow Grove, bear left and continue on Route 611 and negative on Route 263. This 263 business you file in the back of your head for later inquiry, because you have two kids at camp along 263, in the Jamison area of Bucks County. You sure as heck would like some information on this, but you hedge off, because by this time the channel is alive with talk, most of it from W3SSU at Doylestown. Brad has alerted them on another channel that you are on the way, and they are now on the lookout for you. You look for an opportunity, just a small

Thanks to W3SRU



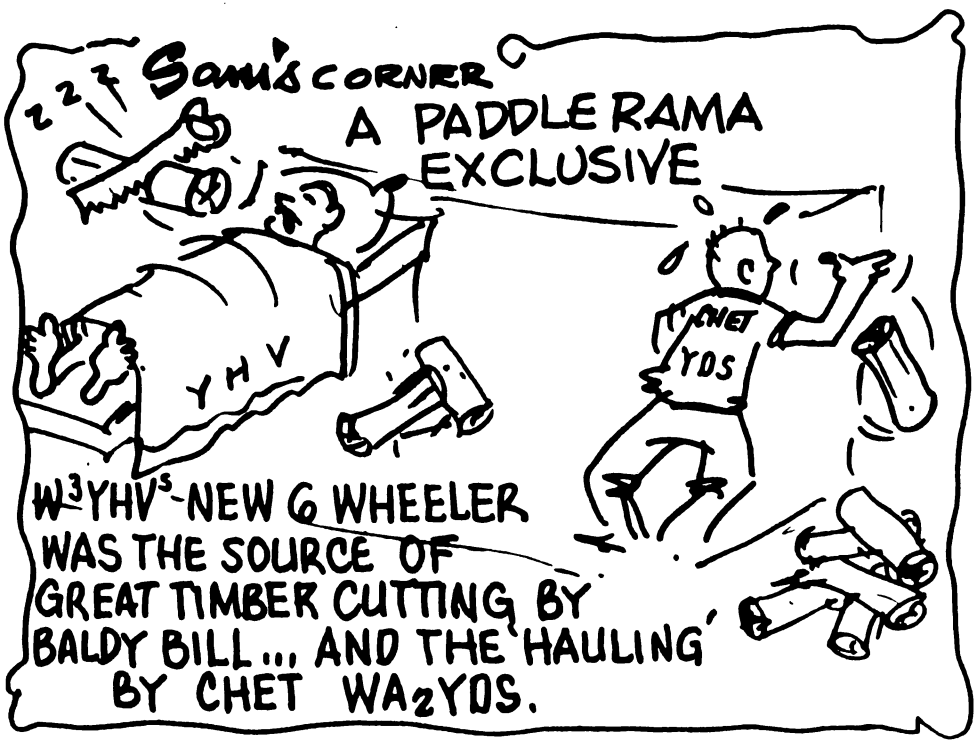
**** UPDATE ****

SEPTEMBER 9, General Meeting program:
UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLIES FOR COMPUTERS presented by Dave Wolovitz, WA3DNM.

OCTOBER 7, General Meeting program:
THE EVOLUTION OF RAILROAD SIGNALLING SYSTEMS presented by Woody Haldeman, W3PST.

NOVEMBER 4, OLE' TIMER'S NIGHT! General Meeting program: To be announced. This year we'll again be serving a delicious buffet dinner before the meeting. More info later.

DECEMBER 2, ELECTIONS ELECTIONS ELECTIONS!!



Phil—Mont Calendar

1985 SEPTEMBER 1985

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2m NCS W3GRU 10m NCS W3GIF 75m NCS W3PWS	2 *Labor Day*	3 CODE PRACTICE NET	4 SWAP NET	5 BULLETIN NET	6	7
8 2m NCS WA3INW 10m NCS WB3KAO 75m NCS W3AQA *Grandparent's Day*	9 GENERAL MEETING & LICENSE EXAMS	10 CODE PRACTICE NET	11 SWAP NET	12 BULLETIN NET	13	14
15 2m NCS N3AVE 10m NCS KB3CT 75m NCS W3ROE QJRA HAMFEST	16 *Rosh Hashanah*	17 CODE PRACTICE NET	18 SWAP NET DIRECTORS' MEETING at W3[illegible]'s	19 BULLETIN NET	20	21
22 2m NCS K3PHC 10m NCS KB3QE 75m NCS AK2I	23	24 CODE PRACTICE NET	25 SWAP NET *Yom Kippur*	26 BULLETIN NET	27	28
29 2m NCS W3BSB 10m NCS WB3OMM 75m NCS W3HFY	30 *Succoth*					